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SUBJECT: ENRICHED URANIUM MARKET - SPAIN

1. ACCORDING TO THE SPANISH PRESS, THE EMPRESA NACIONAL DE URANIO - ENUAS (NATIONAL URANIUM CL.) HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION THROUGH WHICH THE LATTER COUNTRY WILL SUPPLY 20 PERCENT OF SPAIN'S DEMAND FOR ENRICHED URANIUM FOR THE YEARS 1978 THROUGH 1990.

ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE FINAL SPANISH AND RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED IN THE SECOND HALF OF MAY. THE CONTRACT, REPORTEDLY WITH ADVANTAGEOUS PRICES FOR SPAIN, IS DESCRIBED AS PART OF A PROGRAM TO GUARANTEE ADEQUATE SUPPLY AND TO DIVERSIFY THE SOURCE OF URANIUM AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES NECESSARY FOR SPAIN'S NUCLEAR ENERGY EXPANSION, EXPECTED TO REACH 7600 MW IN 1979 AND 26300 MW IN 1985. SPAIN'S URANIUM DEMANDS THROUGH 1978 ARE BEING MET BY CONTRACTS WITH CANADIAN SOURCES AND BY LOCAL PRODUCTION.

2. ENUSA IS HELD 60 PERCENT BY INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE INDUSTRIA, A GOVERNMENT HOLDING COMPANY, AND 40 PERCENT BY LOCAL ELECTRIC POWER COMPANIES.

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